

## STATE of MINNESOTA

## Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota schools significantly influence students' access to nutrition services, and the

development of lifelong healthy eating habits; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to many vibrant small and mid-sized family farms that supply local

schools and markets; and

WHEREAS: The Farm to School program enriches community connections to local producers and

fresh, healthy food by changing food purchasing and education practices at participating

schools; and

WHEREAS: Farm to School supports students' access to local food and educational opportunities,

including school gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips; and

WHEREAS: Farm to School empowers children and their families to make informed dietary decisions

and strengthens the local economy, which contributes to vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS: Farm to School is growing rapidly in Minnesota, with more than 268 school districts

participating, and more than one-half of Minnesota's student population served; and

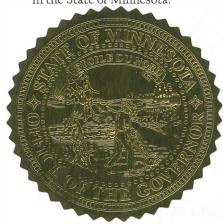
WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota supports the growth of the Farm to School program and

celebrates National Farm to School Month in October.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2018 as:

## FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September.

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE